

# Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services 2020 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



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## **INTRODUCTION**

The 2020 annual juvenile detention facility evaluations conducted by the IDOC, Division of Youth Services would normally consist of three on-site facility inspections; staff and youth interviews; and an audit of the state detention standards. Due to the covid-19 global pandemic, we conducted one on-site facility inspection, along with staff and youth interviews, an audit of the state detention standards, and conducted testing on the candlelight levels and ventilation in accordance to the standards requirement.

While the proposed Indiana Juvenile Detention Facility Standards are in the process of being promulgated, Detention Facilities had the option to be audited on three hundred one (301) current detention standards or the corresponding two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards.

Dearborn County Detention Center chose to be audited on the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards in 2020, for their 24th annual detention inspection. Of the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) standards audited, sixteen (16) standards require mandatory compliance and the remaining two hundred and twenty-one (221) are recommended standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain "Full Compliance." Again, Centers that chose to be audited on the proposed detention standards were only required to meet the expectation of the current detention standards. Dearborn County Detention Center chose to also provide documentation on the extra standards with exclusively new requirements. The breakdown of each audit listed below is only reflective of the current standards.

## FACILITY INFORMATION

<b>Facility county:</b>	Dearborn
<b>Governing authority:</b>	Dearborn County Juvenile Center
<b>Name of facility administrator:</b>	Traci Agner
<b>Detention Director:</b>	Traci Agner
<b>Detention facility's mission:</b>	<p>The Dearborn County Juvenile Center has been established for the protection and detention of youth in the least restrictive alternative of care. Specifically, the juvenile center shall provide for the juveniles basic needs, such as shelter, food, clothing and medical care. The Dearborn County Juvenile Center shall also prevent the abridgment of the juvenile's legal rights during his/her detainment at the facility and provide for physical, emotional, religious, educational and social needs of juveniles during detainment. Juveniles will be housed in a safe, secure and humane environment. The Dearborn County Juvenile Center will also maintain the level of security necessary with the Juvenile Center to prevent and assure that juveniles live free of fear from assaults or intimidation by staff or other juveniles.</p>
<b>Rated capacity:</b>	20
<b>Population on date of first audit:</b>	5
<b>Average daily population for the last 12 months:</b>	7
<b>Average length of stay for the last 12 months:</b>	17 days
<b>Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):</b>	New Mattresses
<b>Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):</b>	None
<b>De-escalation techniques training:</b>	No specific curriculum used currently
<b>Physical force techniques training:</b>	Aikido Control Training (A.C.T.)
<b>Chemical agents permitted:</b>	No
<b>Name of food service provider:</b>	Dearborn County
<b>Name of Food Service Supervisor:</b>	Kathy Prarat – Jail Matron
<b>Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:</b>	Dr David Dobbs, M.D. – 2 hours a week/contract Ron Phillips, RN – 3 hours a week/contract

<b>Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:</b>	Ryan Vogt-Foster, MSW, LCSW – 1.5 hours a week Melissa Hughes, MSW, LCSW – 1.5 hours a week
<b>Education Services:</b>	Residents receive all work through their home school districts. Credit recovery is also provided through Plato.

**Dearborn County 2020 Audit**

<b>Standards:</b>	<b><u>All Mandatory Standards, Security Standards, and Training Plan</u></b>
<b>On-site Visit Conducted: August 4, 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Fifty-One Total Standards Audited</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>16 Mandatory and 35 Recommended</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>1 Administration Standard, 7 Safety Standards, 23 Security Standards, 3 Food Service and Hygiene Standards, 15 Medical Standards, and 2 Mental Health Standards</u></b></li> <li>• Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0</li> <li>• Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 16</li> <li>• Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 34</li> </ul>
<b>Auditors:</b>	Rachel McCaffrey, Terrie Decker, and Kristin Herrmann (Inspection) Kristin Herrmann (Files)
<b>Facility Tour:</b>	The facility tour was conducted by Traci Agner. This inspection focused on mandatory standards. Areas such as medical, janitorial closet, kitchen, visitation rooms, search areas, private interview rooms, youth rooms, youth living areas, personal and property areas, mechanical and safety areas were inspected. It was ensured that staff had access to the Emergency Manual.
<b>Youth Interviews:</b>	Two youth were interviewed. Both were males because there were no female youth present.
<b>Youth Responses:</b>	Both youth said that they felt safe in their environment and that is was in working order. They both did comment on the temperatures being cold, but that staff will adjust when they ask or that the cold is tolerable. They confirmed that fire drills are being done frequently. Neither youth had any suggestions for the facility. One said that the place was not too bad and that they keep them busy.
<b>Staff Interviews:</b>	Two line staff were interviewed with one of them also being interviewed for control room staff.
<b>Staff Responses:</b>	Both staff members explained the process of an emergency evacuation. They said they run drills as if they were the real thing. The alarm is sounded and the youth are lined up and escorted outside. They both said that high-risk or disabled youth are accommodated in any way that

	allows them to be evacuated. They went on to talk about the logs and how they keep track of the calls that staff put in and any movements or tasks completed. They explained that mechanical restraints are utilized and the staff must call the supervisor for cuffs. They both confirmed mental health and medical training done once a year and that health assessments are performed during a youth's intake.
<b>Non-compliant Standards:</b>	8-5-3
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	The recommended action for the next audit is to include clarification on what is included in the Emergency Manual.

<b>Standards:</b>	<b>Safety, Justice &amp; Order, and Education Standards</b>
<b>Desk Audit Conducted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>70 Total Recommended Standards Audited</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>27 Safety Standards, 37 Justice &amp; Order Standards, and 6 Education Standards</u></b></li> <li>• Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0</li> <li>• Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 65</li> </ul>
<b>Auditors:</b>	Kristin Herrmann
<b>Youth Interviews:</b>	Two youth were interviewed. Both were males because there were no female youth present.
<b>Youth Responses:</b>	Both youth confirmed that they were given the facility handbook and were allowed to keep it. They both believed the rules to be fair and said that the facility has a reward system for positive behavior. Both had had contact with an attorney, court official, or probation officer and said that their contact was made private. Neither had any complaints about the education program.
<b>Non-compliant Standards:</b>	8-4-10, 8-4-11, 8-4-15, 8-4-24, and 8-6-13
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	No recommended action due to issues being structural.

<b>Standards:</b>	<b><u>Food Service &amp; Hygiene, Medical, Mental Health, and Program Standards</u></b>
<b>Desk Audit Conducted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Fifty-Three Total Standards Audited</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>16 Food Service &amp; Hygiene Standards, 13 Medical Standards, 4 Mental Health Standards, and 20 Programs &amp; Services Standards</u></b></li> <li>• Number of Standards Not Applicable: 2</li> <li>• Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 48</li> </ul>

<b>Auditors:</b>	Kristin Herrmann
<b>Youth Interviews:</b>	Two youth were interviewed. Both were males because there were no female youth present.
<b>Youth Responses:</b>	Both youth said that the food was pretty good. One even said that they would give it a five or six on a scale of ten. They confirmed that they get three regular timed meals a day, with two of them being hot. They said that they received all necessary hygiene items during intake and that they receive clean clothing every day and clean bedding once a week. Neither had any complaints about medical and felt that their health and mental health were kept confidential and taken seriously.
<b>Non-compliant Standards:</b>	8-7-16, 8-8-2, and 8-9-1
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	No recommended action due to files not being presented for review.

<b>Standards:</b>	<u><b>Administration Standards</b></u>
<b>Desk Audit Conducted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u><b>Sixty-One Total Standards audited</b></u></li> <li>• <u><b>61 Administration Standards</b></u></li> <li>• Number of Standards Not Applicable: 2</li> <li>• Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 50</li> </ul>
<b>Auditors:</b>	Kristin Herrmann
<b>Non-compliant Standards:</b>	8-3-3, 8-3-16, 8-3-32, 8-3-37, 8-3-40, 8-3-45, 8-3-51, 8-3-65, and 8-3-75
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	These files were found in non-compliance either due to no file being presented or lack of viable documentation.

Was the facility required to implement a corrective action plan as a result of the audit? **NO**/YES

## CONCLUSION

Dearborn County Juvenile Center chose to be audited on the proposed standards, which corresponds with the current (301) detention standards and received a score of 100% compliance with the mandatory standards and 91.63% of the recommended standards.

**The facility received a separate scoresheet indicating their level of compliance with the new proposed detention standards.**

Therefore, Dearborn County Juvenile Center is in compliance with the 2020 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services. A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (812) 929-3980 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

**Rachel McCaffrey**

Director of Juvenile Detention Inspections

Indiana Department of Correction/Division of Youth Services

cc: Terrie Decker, DYS, Executive Director of Youth Services  
Honorable James D. Humphrey, Circuit Court  
Traci Agner, Director  
pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)  
File